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Dent County

Towersites

Montauk Tower
Lenox Tower

Fifteen Year Area Management Plan

FY 2015-2029



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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Date Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Montauk Towersite	5011	1950	40	Dent	Forestry	Forestry
Lenox Towersite	5620	1956	5	Dent	Forestry	Forestry

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

These areas were obtained and are currently maintained primarily for wildfire detection purposes. The Lenox Tower is likely eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places, as it was erected in 1958. The Montauk Tower, however, is not likely eligible for listing as it was built later in 1963.

B. Desired Future Condition

Maintain structural integrity of these towers to ensure safety of fire lookout personnel.
Manage surrounding forests to ensure healthy, sustainable forest resources.

C. Federal Aid Statement

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area	Priority Area	Natural Area
Montauk Towersite	None	None
Lenox Towersite	None	None

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Montauk Towersite	None	None	None
Lenox Towersite	None	None	None

III. Existing Infrastructure

Area	Parking Areas	Other
Montauk Towersite	1	1 fire tower
Lenox Towersite	1	1 fire tower

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area	Deed Restrictions	Federal Interest	Cultural Resources	Hazards	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Montauk Towersite	None	None	None	None	None	None
Lenox Towersite	None	None	Yes ¹	None	None	None

¹ Records are kept with Missouri Department of Conservation (the Department) Environmental Compliance Specialist. Managers should follow Best Management Practices for Cultural Resources found in the Department Resource Policy Manual.

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

I. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

Managing forests around the towers.

Management Objective 1: Manage forests.

Strategy 1: Assess forests for health and potential improvement. (Forestry)

II. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Recurring vandalism to the towers.
- 2) Conducting routine maintenance.

Management Objective 1: Reduce/eliminate vandalism.

Strategy 1: Maintain a high level of law enforcement presence. (Forestry and Protection)

Strategy 2: Continue routine maintenance on both sites according to policy and need. (Forestry)

III. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

Ensuring safety of fire lookout personnel.

Management Objective 1: Ensure structural integrity of the towers.

Strategy 1: Insist that an annual inspection of the structural integrity of each tower is completed and reported by a qualified entity. (Forestry)

Strategy 2: Personnel will visually inspect condition of the towers on a regular basis. (Forestry)

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

All strategies are considered ongoing.

APPENDICES

Maps:

Appendix 1. Montauk Towersite Background

Appendix 2. Montauk Towersite Map

Appendix 3. Lenox Towersite Background

Appendix 4. Lenox Towersite Map

Appendix 1. Montauk Towersite Background

Visitors may climb the tower for viewing, at their own risk, but the building at the top is not open to the public.

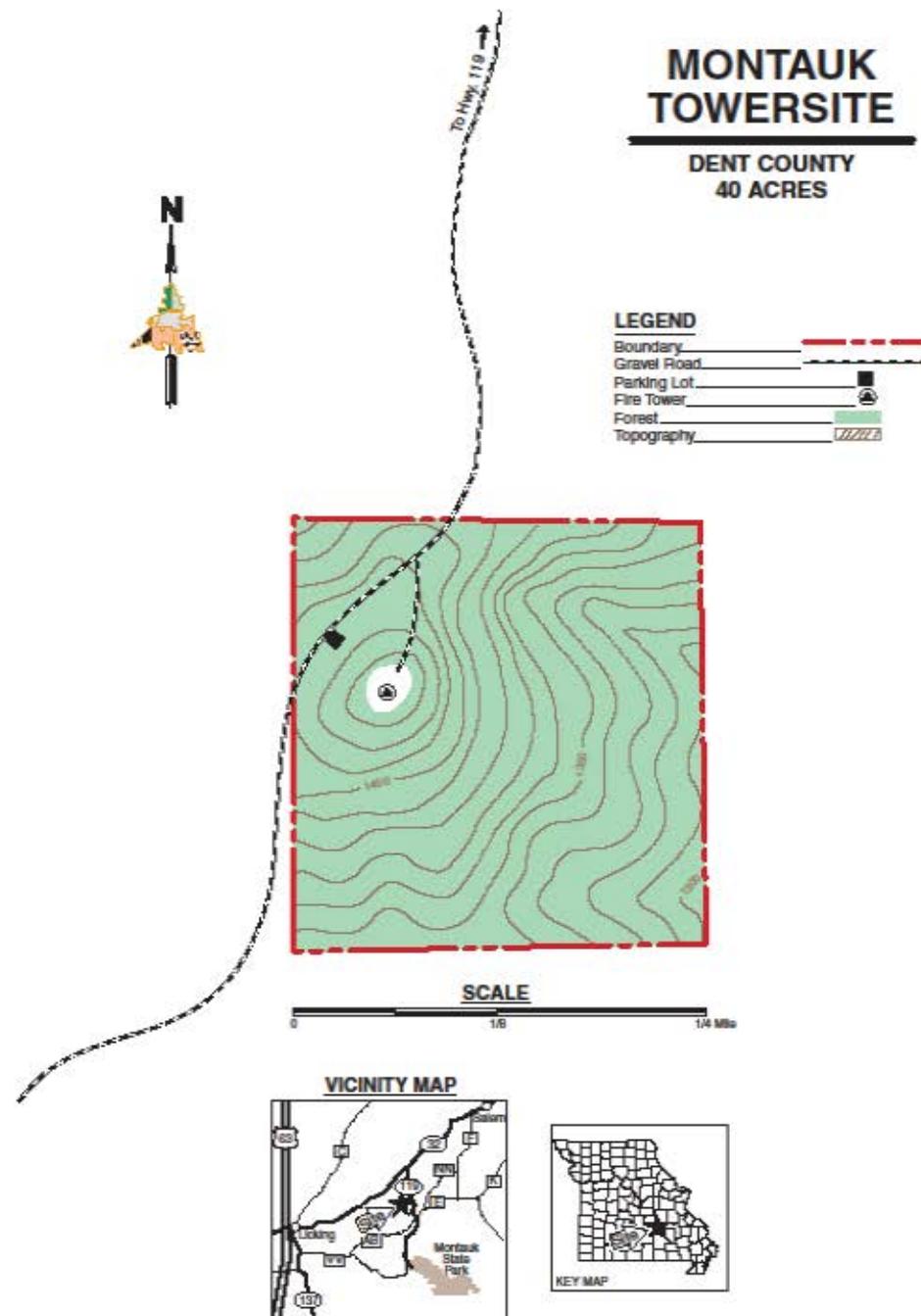
Legal Description: Township 34 North, Range 08 West, Section 24.

Area Location: Towersite is 6 miles north of Montauk State Park on Highway 119. Turn west on County Road 6020 and travel approximately 1.25 miles to towersite.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	% of Area
Forest	40	100
Total	40	100

Appendix 2. Montauk Towersite Map



Appendix 3. Lenox Towersite Background

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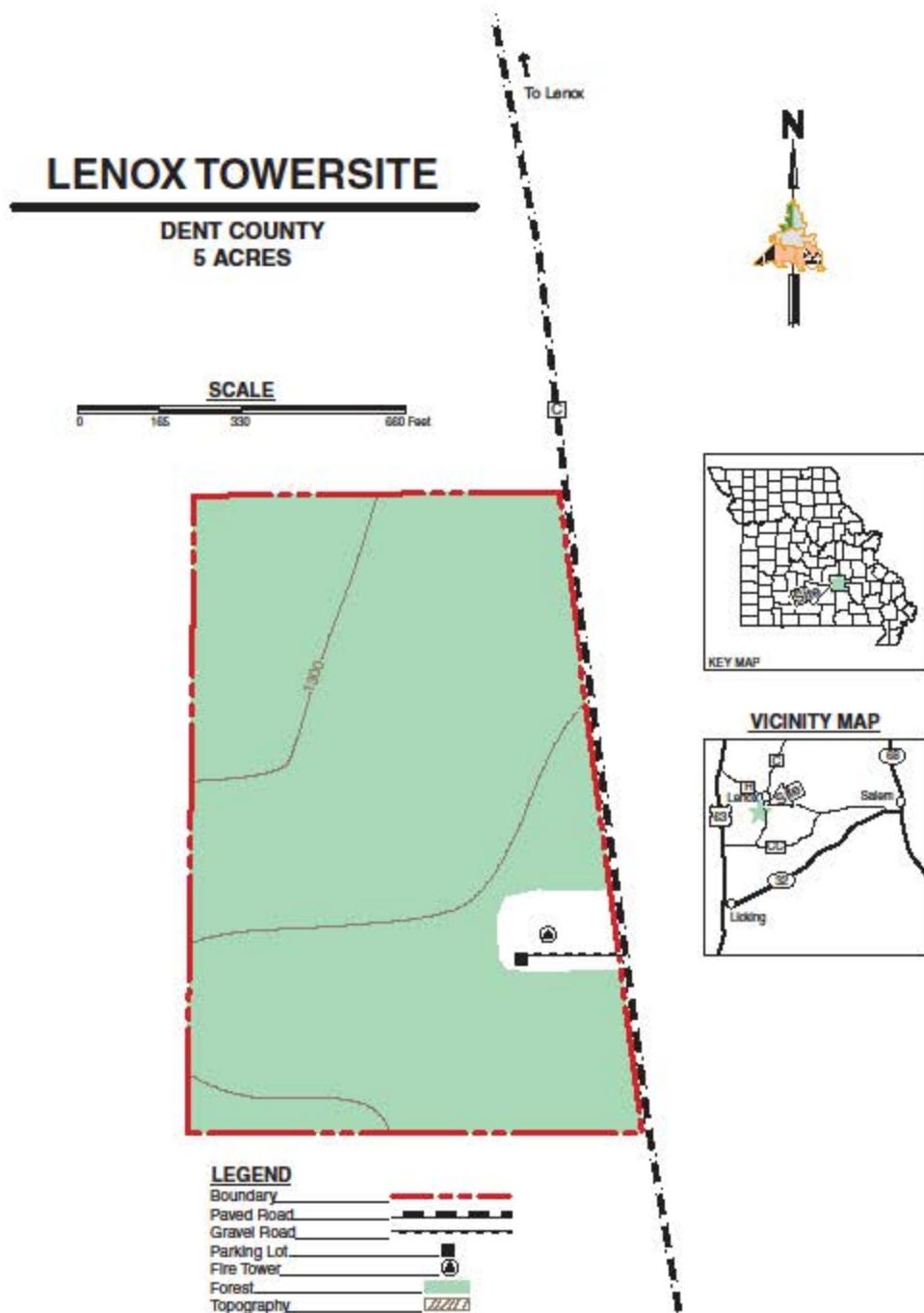
Legal Description: Township 33 North, Range 07 West, Section 33.

Area Location: Lenox towersite is on Route C, 1 mile south of Lenox.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	% of Area
Forest	5	100
Total	5	100

Appendix 4. Lenox Towersite Map



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